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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Accompanying Request for Continued Examination
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office action, made final, of May 15, 2006 in the above-identified patent application, consideration of the following remarks is earnestly solicited.

The following remarks are new over Applicants' remarks submitted in their reply of October 16, 2006, but in the advisory action of November 3, 2006 deemed not to place this application in condition for allowance. Because these remarks are new, they are believed to constitute a submission as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a), defined in § 1.114(c), and as set forth in MPEP 706.07(h), "Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Practice." Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the RCE that this reply accompanies is proper.

(This reply and the RCE are being filed on November 15, 2006 along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, and are therefore timely filed.)

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